

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Mary Sue Record, Maggie Komosinski, George Mellor, Bill Wilson, Paul Deane and Chris Blane. Pat Doyle and Chris Blansfield arrived late. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett and Judy Tierney representing the Block Island Times.
Not Present: Rebecca Ballard

Public Input – None

Approval of minutes from March 2, 2010

A motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by George Mellor to approve the minutes of March 2, 2010

Ayes: 6 (Record, Komosinski, Mellor, Wilson, Deane, Blane)

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Ballard) (Doyle and Blansfield arrived after vote)

Old Business

- Discussion of the March 15th meeting with DEM.
This meeting was postponed because the boats did not run.
Deer Count – tabled until after DEM meeting
Current deer tag count – tabled until after DEM meeting.
- Transfer Station. George Mellor reported that \$86.00 was paid by BIRA for deer remains. It was determined that BIRA would have to be approached next season for money to continue this program if the CDC grant money is not available.
- CDC grant – no report
- Fish/Krause study – no report
- Deer Reduction Plan
Discuss goals and resolution. Work on the resolution (which will not be called a resolution but is more a restating of the goal of reduction of the herd or reduction in the # of tic borne disease cases) was tabled until after the DEM meeting and the collection of more information on the # of tic borne disease cases.
- Plan for input to TC deer season.
First Warden Kim Gaffett had sent a memo (see attached) to the task force members with preliminary hunting dates and some proposals for their comments and suggestions. The discussion prompted the following motions for recommendations to the Council.

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane to have the muzzle loading season begin on November 8, 2010 and run throughout the shotgun season excluding pheasant days.

Ayes 8 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Mellor, Blansfield, Blane, Deane, Doyle)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Ballard)

A motion was made by Pat Doyle and seconded by Paul Deane to expand archery season to include weekends in November and December excluding the holiday weekend of November 27 & 28 and ending December 19th.

Ayes 7 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Mellor, Blansfield, Deane, Doyle)

Nays 1 (Blane)

Absent: 1 (Ballard)

A motion was made by Chris Blane and seconded by Pat Doyle to not allow archery and shotgun to run concurrent throughout the season

Ayes 6 (Komosinski, Mellor, Blansfield, Blane, Deane, Doyle)

Nays 2 (Record, Wilson)

Absent 1 (Ballard)

A motion was made by Pat Doyle and seconded by Chris Blane to allow hunting during the February school vacation week February 21-25.

Ayes 8 (Komosinski, Mellor, Blansfield, Blane, Deane, Doyle, Record, Wilson)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Ballard)

A motion was made by Chris Blane and seconded by Paul Deane to allow hunting on Town property P20, L20 on all hunting days after the waterfowl season ends (date?). This date has not been determined yet.

Ayes 8 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Mellor, Blansfield, Blane, Deane, Doyle)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Ballard)

There was a discussion about what can be done with the deer meat. The task force will include this in their next discussion of educational items.

Input for next agenda:

Conservation Land – Becky, Maggie, Paul.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 in a motion by Chris Blane and seconded by Chris Blansfield and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan